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## Lace, Fashion & Wealth at Sully Historic Site

Visit with lace maker Carolyn Cerini at Sully Historic Site on Saturday, July 27, 2013 as we explore the history of lace-making and its place in men's and women's fashion from the late 1500s through 1900. Who could wear lace, and what did it cost? Did the American colonies care as much about wearing lace as they did about drinking tea? There will be a talk at 11 a.m. and from noon until 3 p.m. "try-me" mini-pillows will be available to learn basic bobbin lace technique.

Ms. Cerini, with other members of her lace chapter, has demonstrated lace-making for visitors at the Smithsonian American History Museum and at the Virginia State Fair. In 2009, she won blue ribbons in two categories at the state fair. One winning piece was based on an article in the English magazine "Lace" published by the English Lace Guild to which she belongs. She has taken a number of specialized classes including an advanced Torchon class in Brugges, Belgium in 2011. She has also given talks about lace for church groups, women's clubs, and a needlework guild. In addition to belonging to the English Lace Guild, she is a member of the Chesapeake Regional Lace Guild, and the International Organization of Lace, Inc.

Space is limited for the 11 a.m. talk, but during guided house tours visitors will have the opportunity to find out about lacemaking and learn to create this delicate luxury item. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students and \$5 for seniors and children. Please call 703-437-1794 for more information or to make reservations for the talk.

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